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NIS COMMITTEE MEETING NO. 91

16 January 1951

1. The following were present:

Dr. Appleton
Mr. Clinton
Lt. Col. Kiel
Lt. Col. Rogers
Lt. Cdr. Nutt
Major Rush

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2. The draft of the memorandum which the Chairman proposes to send to the DCI to inform him of the views of the Committee regarding the NIS production program was discussed. It was agreed that the acceleration of production proposed therein is feasible provided the program is given strong support at the IAC level. Agreement was reached on a final draft of the memorandum and the Chairman undertook to have it prepared and submitted to the DCI in time for consideration at the IAC meeting scheduled for 1 February 1951, if so desired by the DCI. Copies of the memorandum will be furnished to the NIS Committee members for submission to their respective Directors of Intelligence with covering memoranda setting forth the situations in their own agencies with respect to the proposed increase of NIS production. All members stated that they were prepared to submit such covering memoranda and stated further that they would submit them in advance of the scheduled February 1st meeting of the IAC, so that each IAC member will have the facts on the NIS situation in his own agency when the matter is brought up for discussion. The Chairman will notify the members when the NIS proposals are placed on the IAC agenda.

3. Army comments on the revised Standard Instructions for NIS Chapter II were reported to be in final phases of coordination and it was expected that these comments would be submitted to the Committee at the next meeting or, at the latest, at the following meeting.

4. The State proposal for transferring certain islands to NIS areas other than those to which they are presently assigned was discussed and the following decisions were reached:

a. The islands of Socotra, Abd al-Kuri, and the Brothers are to remain in NIS 55 (Ethiopia, Eritrea, and the British, French, and Italian Somaliland). However, the islands of Abd al-Kuri and the

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Brothers are dependencies of Soqatra which is administratively, culturally, and linguistically part of the Sultanate of Qishn and Soqatra, which forms part of the eastern Aden Protectorate in NIS 32 (Arabian Peninsula). It was agreed, therefore, that State should cover these islands in its treatment of Chapter IV (Sociological), Chapter V (Political), and Chapter VI (Economic), for NIS 32 and make appropriate mention of this treatment in the corresponding chapters of NIS 55. With regard to Gwadar, a port on the coast of Pakistan near the border with Iran, it was agreed that this port city should remain in NIS 36 and that State should treat this city in its chapters in the same manner as agreed to for the above-mentioned islands.

5. The Committee confirmed, in response to an inquiry by the Army member, that the NIS Turkey (Tentative) study is not finished intelligence and a notice to this effect appears on all elements of this tentative study. As elements of the regular NIS 27 (Turkey) are produced, the corresponding NIS Turkey (Tentative) elements will be withdrawn and destroyed.

6. The proposed NIS Chapter VII production schedule for FY 1952 was considered. With regard to the question raised at the last meeting as to CIA producing the final drafts of Sections 70 to 76, the Chairman reported that he had been informed by the Chapter VII Coordinator that the proposals as presently worded had been approved by the SIC, on which all agencies have representation, and that no exception had been taken to the point in question. Action was deferred until next meeting at the request of the Army member.

7. The Army member inquired as to progress being made on the procurement of back tabs for NIS volumes which was discussed at the 28 November meeting (NIS Committee Meeting No. 84). The Chairman advised that the cost of these back tabs was found to be prohibitive and that CIA would not, therefore, attempt to supply them for all the volume covers which had been issued. He stated that CIA could obtain a limited number of these back tabs for use in the Intelligence Divisions of the IAC Agencies, and members were requested to report their requirements at the next meeting.

8. Copies of an instruction sheet captioned "Explanation of Filing Scheme for NIS Studies" were distributed to the members with notification that additional copies would be furnished upon request.

9. The next meeting will be held on 23 January 1951 at CIA.

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